

I feel that forcing consumer electronic manufacturers to include copy protection to enable devices to be HDTV compatible is not a practical idea:

This decision would instantly render all current products obsolete, forcing consumers to in effect rebuy products to get the service they were previously promised.

The copy protection will inevitably prove to be ineffective, due to the efforts of criminals breaking the encryption, which has been proven again and again by past similar attempts.

The law abiding consumers will be forced to bear the weight of this cost prohibitive technology that will not succeed in being fully secure. Furthermore the result will be the widespread delay of mass acceptance of HDTV, thus hurting the entire industry.

This technology is an attempt to smother the flexibility of the consumer; denying the previously granted and legally established right to record broadcasts. (Betamax case